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Re: Inventors: Santosh S. Rao, Gopal Sharma, Poonam Dhavale  
Assignee: VERITAS Operating Corporation  
Title: System And Method For Resolving Cluster Partitions In Out-Of-Band Storage Virtualization Environments  
Application No.: 10/627,385  
Filing Date: July 25, 2003  
Examiner: Mohamed A. Wasel  
Group Art Unit: 2154  
Attorney Docket No.: VRT0089US

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

(1) Return Receipt Postcard  
 (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page, in duplicate)  
 (3) Notice of Appeal (1 page, in duplicate)  
 (4) Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review (5 pages)  
 (5) Petition for Extension of Time – one Month (1 page, in duplicate)

No additional fee is required.  
 The fee has been calculated as shown below:

**CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

	Claims Remaining <u>After Amendment</u>		Highest No. <u>Previously Paid For</u>		Present <u>Extra</u>	x	<u>Rate</u>		Additional <u>Fee</u>
Total Claims	31	Minus	31	=	0	x	\$50.00	\$	0.00
Independent Claims	3	Minus	3	=	0	x	\$200.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee for Request for Notice of Appeal						x		\$	500.00
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**Total additional fee for this Amendment:** \$ 620.00

Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed document(s) after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, an extension of time is hereby requested.  
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